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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister, Sir, what arrangements are made at Karachi on behalf of this Government to assist the evacuees who wish to come from Pakistan? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" A Special Officer has been deputed for this purpose."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Hon. the Premier has received any representation from families in Karachi stating that these evacuees are generally employees in Government offices and commercial undertakings and that they do not belong to the working classes? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is a matter which I will have to look into. I have not got a ready answer."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Will this Government ask the Government of India to lodge a claim on Pakistan for the loss suffered by the people of this Province who are innocent and who suffered those losses for no fault of their own? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" When action is taken on the several claims that are made, I am sure the Government of India will take necessary steps."

Conviction of Sri Vidyarathna Thirthaswamigal of Udipi.

* 130 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have received any application for setting aside the decision of the Madras High Court relating to the conviction of Sri Vidyarathna Thirtha Swamigal of Sri Krishnapur Mutt, Udipi; and, if so, what action the Government have taken on it?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are not the Government aware that in such matters, the Swamiji attends to spiritual affairs only and that it is the Diwan or the Agent that attends to the temporal affairs? May I know, Sir, why in this case the Swamiji was proceeded against and convicted? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is a matter entirely for the Judiciary and they have come to a certain conclusion. Government do not propose to interfere with the decisions of the Courts of Law. I would also like to place for the hon. Gentleman's consideration the fact that the principal is as much responsible for the acts as the agent himself."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" If so, Sir, may I ask the Government whether they contemplate modifying the rules and thus make it applicable only to those trustees or agents who are in charge of the temporal affairs of the Mutts and not to the Swamijis? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir. I do not think so."